

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :

Rueben Matalon et al. Group Art Unit: 1814

Serial No.: Cont. of USSN 08/128,020 Examiner: G. Bugaisky

Filed: October 1, 2001

For: APARTOACYLASE GENE, PROTEIN, AND METHODS OF SCREENING FOR  
MUTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CANAVAN DISEASE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 1-19, 25-54 and 64-65 without prejudice or  
disclaimer.

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**REMARKS**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claims 1-19, 25-54 and 64-65 were canceled in this Amendment, therefore, no marked up version is necessary.